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1. [] Curtis Johnson, Staff Director of the Senate Refugee and Escapee Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee, called regarding some hearings which the Subcommittee will hold beginning next Tuesday. The subject of the hearings is the refugee problem in Hong Kong. Johnson indicated that the State Department will testify on Tuesday and several voluntary refugee organizations will testify early in June. Johnson assumes that the Agency had some information on this subject and might be willing to testify at these hearings. I told Johnson that I was quite certain that any information we had on this subject would have been passed on to State and could best be covered by them, however, I would check with our people and let him know.

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2. [] DS-949 concluded his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Overall, his testimony seemed to be well received by the Committee members in attendance. Transcripts of the hearing will be provided the Agency for our correction and comments prior to publication. A press release, informally provided by the Agency, will be made during the day.

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3. [] Discussed briefly with Robert Smart, House Armed Services Committee staff, the amendments to the Missing Persons Act being proposed by Defense Department and presently awaiting clearance by the Bureau of the Budget. Mr. Smart advised that it would be well if the proposal could be transmitted to the Committee as quickly as possible. There is little time remaining for introduction and handling of such legislation during this session.

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4. [] Discussed the Missing Persons Act amendments being proposed by Defense Department on our behalf with Mr. Edward Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff. In essence Mr. Braswell indicated that no conclusion of such measures could be anticipated on the Senate side prior to action and transmittal by the House.

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